

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2009-2010

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Cormann asked on 11/02/2010, Hansard page 29.

Question

MUCH HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM THE COMMONWEALTH TO STATES OR OTHERS

Senator CORMANN—Could you, on a school by school basis, advise us on notice how much has been transferred from the Commonwealth to states or others? Ms McKinnon—Per college? Senator CORMANN—Per college, in terms of capital funding. Ms McKinnon—Certainly, Senator. Senator CORMANN—Were there any requirements attached? Did the Commonwealth say, ‘We give you this, but in exchange, we want you to do X, Y, Z,’ or was it a gift? Ms McKinnon—I am happy to take that on notice, but, broadly speaking, there would be ongoing accountability arrangements for that funding over the life of the college.

Answer

Capital funding transferred to States and others through transition arrangements for Australian Technical Colleges, on a school by school basis is set out in the following table.

Region	Recipient Type*
Pilbara	Government (WA)
CentralCoast	Government (NSW)
Western Sydney ATC	Non-Government (Anglican)
Illawarra	Government (NSW)
Central Western NSW	Government (NSW)
Gold Coast	Non-Government (Independent)
Queanbeyan	Government (NSW)
Gladstone	Government (QLD)
Central Western NSW**	Non-Government (Anglican)
PerthSouth ATC	Non-Government (Independent)
Port Macquarie#	Non-Government (Catholic)
Adelaide South#	Non-Government (Catholic)
Darwin*	Non-Government (Anglican)
TOTAL	

The Commonwealth interest in ATC capital investment is protected through accountability arrangements included as requirements in ongoing funding agreements. These require ATC facilities to be used for the approved purpose of industry led education and training with a focus on nationally recognized Certificate III trade training for a “Designated Use Period”. This period is generally twenty years, although in the case of ATC Spencer Gulf and Outback it is five years as the level of capital expenditure was small.

These accountability arrangements are consistent with the capital funding provisions of the Commonwealth's *Schools Assistance Act 2008*.